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SUBJECT: PROVISION OF NINE BLU-82 TO VNAF

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1. AT MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING WITH PRESIDENT THIEU, VICE PRESIDENT HUONG, GEN. VIEN, GEN. KHUYEN AND THE AMBASSADOR, GEN. WEYAND, MR. VON MARBOD, MESSRS. CARVER AND SHACKLEY, THE REQUEST WAS MADE FOR THE IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF BLU-82 BOMBS FOR THE VNAF WHICH HAS THE CAPABILITY TO DELIVER THEM. THESE ARE BOMBS WHICH WERE USED FOR CONSTRUCTING HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES, CRATERING ABANDONED AIRFIELDS AND DESTRUCTION OF STORED SUPPLIES. GENERAL WEYAND AGREED THAT THE PROVISION OF THESE BOMBS WOULD HAVE BOTH A UTILITARIAN AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE. MR. VON MARBOD SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET THEM IN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS ASSUMED THAT ON A TON FOR TON BASIS THE SHORTAGE OF AMMUNITION DELIVERIES UNDER THE ONE FOR ONE BASIS PROVISION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT IMPOSE NO IMPEDIMENT. IF THERE IS ANY AGRUMENT TO THE CONTRARY IN STATE OR DEFENSE, WE SUGGEST THE QUESTION BE REFERRED TO SECRETERY SCHLESSINGER AND DR. KISSINGER.

2. WE WILL FIND IT A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO READ THE BACKGROUND STORIES FROM BOTH STATE AND DEFENSE SOURCES CRITCIZING THE LACK OF DESTRUCTION OF EQUIPMENT LEFT BEHIND AS A RESULT OF THIS

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